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In Doc Hollister's barn to prove you could beat
The faker in the circus—and it didn't choke you.
Now your face is in your hands, and your elbows
Are on your knees, and you are silent and broken.

### COMPLETE DESTRUCTION

It was an icy day.
We buried the cat,
Then took her box
And set match to it
In the back yard.
Those fleas that escaped
Earth and fire
Died by the cold.

### THE POOR

By constantly tormenting them
With reminders of the lice in
Their children's hair, the
School physician first
Brought their hatred down on him.
But by this familiarity
They grew used to him, and so,
At last,
Took him for their friend and adviser.